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Dam will be kept closed and observations made by the Public Works Department. The Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Tanjore Circle, has also recommended the provision of screw gearing shutters to this culvert as a permanent measure and the question is pending orders of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

* 297 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage caused in Lalgudi taluk by floods in Koolaiyar and Nandiyaru in 1956;

(*b*) whether the breaches and damages caused to lands, roads, etc., have been rectified; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to construct small dams or reservoirs across these rivers at various points for regulating the waters and also for bringing a large area under wet cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Floods in Koolaiyar and Nandiyar in October and November 1956 caused damages to houses in low-lying areas and foodgrains as shown below :—

(1) Number of villages affected—17.

(2) Number of houses damaged—302.

(3) Value of damages to houses, foodgrains and household utensils—About Rs. 17,317.

(*b*) There were no damages to lands due to floods either in Koolaiyar or Nandiyar. The breaches and damages caused to roads in Lalgudi taluk due to floods in the two rivers in 1956 have been set right.

(*c*) No, Sir. The Koolaiyar has no ayacut of its own but it joins the Nandiyar above the Nandiyar anicut and the Nandiyar system irrigates 6,300 acres in Lalgudi and Udayarpalayam taluks. A large area is therefore irrigated by these two rivers. It cannot be said therefore that the waters of those two run to waste.

* 298 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRIISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of SRI S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent towards flood relief in 1956–57; and

(*b*) the amount given as loans to victims of flood?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is presumed that the Hon. Member wants the particulars for the entire State. It is also presumed that the period, i.e., 1956–57 referred to by him